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“We should not lose sight of the main purpose in the organization of the Young Men’s and Young Women’s Mutual Improvement Associations, which is that we should secure for ourselves a testimony of the divinity of the work in which we are engaged.”—
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A MESSAGE TO YOUTH

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THE work and the good which the Mutual Improvement Associations are doing for our people can hardly be measured. . . . In so far as I know there is nothing in the world which is the equivalent or even the rival of the Mutual Improvement Associations in the matter of cultural development. And for my part I sincerely hope that they will go on in the development of music, art, drama, literature, and in other things in which they are engaged, because out of that will come to us as a people a cultural development for the acquiring of which there seems to be no other agency at present existing.

Music, art, literature, and the drama, looked at from the point of view of the Church, are priceless to us because of the ennobling effect they have upon the spirit of man. And, so far as the Church is concerned, that is the principal consideration leading us to cultivate those things.

In so far as they ennoble the spirit, and I think of nothing else that may be greater in its influence upon the mind and the spirit of man than are these things, they are the great instrument in the hands of the Lord in building up a spirituality among this people. They are the things which administer to our intelligence; they are the things which cultivate and make us grow spiritually, and even though they may not, in the narrow sense, be from the point of view of the Church an end in themselves, they are such an adjunct, such a cultural aid to the spiritual aim of the Church, that they may not be overlooked, forgotten, or neglected.

The Lord, speaking through the Prophet Joseph, said, “The

glory of God is intelligence, or in other words, light and truth." We Latter-day Saints believe this principle as firmly as we believe that we live. We believe that anything and everything that adds to the knowledge of man is part of the great Gospel in which we believe and for the promulgation and living of which we have been organized.

Lehi of old gave us this great truth, "Men are that they might have joy," and out of these cultural things there comes to us joy—not the pleasures of the flesh, but the joys of the spirit, those ennobling aspirations and thoughts, those ennobling hopes that lead us always upward and onward.

And so, in view of these things, I say again that I hope the Mutual Improvement Associations will not deter one whit from their effort to advance the great cultural activities that have gone heretofore to make up their work.

At the same time, of course, since we are a Church, and since we believe that the ultimate end of our existence is a life here which shall bring us eternal life hereafter, we must not forget that which belongs more strictly to the spirit. We must bend these cultural things and bring them to bear upon our lives in such way that day by day and hour by hour we shall live better, truer, holier lives.

THE young people of to-day are peculiarly blessed, and when I say peculiarly blessed, I mean that they are blessed in a peculiar way. Never before in the history of the world, so far as we know, has there been such a wide diffusion of education among any great people, as exists today among Latter-day Saints and the people of this nation. Never before in the history of the world, so far as we know, has a whole generation been nurtured in the luxury which has existed among the young for the past fifteen years, and there has been brought to us as servants everything which science could develop or discover.

But that is not the only heritage which the young people had. Not only this material blessing, if it shall prove so to be, have they possessed, but they have also had spiritual and intellectual blessing, more than have come to any other generation within the memory of man. And these heritages are for them carefully to guard.

We sometimes hear the expression used: "A challenge to youth." To me the challenge to youth is the preservation of these heritages.

It is quite true that there have come along with the blessings some evil and some error. It is quite true that we are not entirely sure, perhaps, with reference to certain things, as to whether they are blessings or curses. One of the tasks which the young people will have to face, one of the problems which they will have to answer and solve, is to divide the good from the bad, and in that work I know of nothing that can be more beneficial than a true cultural development which shall develop and make grow the spiritual side of themselves, which will ennoble their thoughts and raise them above the ordinary vicissitudes and problems of life. It would be a sad thing to me, indeed, if out of our present situation of want—in some cases of distress—it would be sad, I say, to me, if out of that there should come to us only a consideration of the material things of life.

Sad shall it be, indeed, if all that we shall think about shall be how we can get of the riches of this life, and riches you know are just as attractive to the young as to the old.

I want to refer here to that wonderful story of the Saviour when He was on His road back from Judea through Perea, coming to Jerusalem for the tragic but glorious end. Many things happened on the way. Among them you will recall that He had them bring little children to Him to bless, after which He apparently started out again on the road. I want to read to you from Mark, 10th chapter, beginning with the 17th verse, the story of the Saviour and the rich young man :

And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

That is the problem of every young man and young woman to-day.

And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

Then Jesus beholding him loved him.

He seemed to have all the requirements; he seemed to be one whom even the Master Himself might love. Then Jesus said unto him :

One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

That was not the first time that the Saviour had used those words, "Follow me."

On the shores of Galilee He had time and again spoken to those humble fishermen, and each time He had said, "Follow me," they had come after Him.

And he (the young man) was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

MY brethren and sisters, there are two kinds of riches, those of which the Saviour spoke here and those which you young men and young women may lay up so abundantly for yourselves in the work which you are doing in the Mutual Improvement Associations, and I beseech you, do not let yourselves wander after the riches which this young man had, and which shut him out from following after the Master, whom all must follow and serve if they shall gain that which God has provided for them.

Do not forget, young people, the goodness and the mercy and the kindness of the Saviour. Do not forget the blessings which the Gospel has for you. Do not overlook the joy of the spirit, the joy which comes from living as the Saviour has taught us to live.

Remember that when the Saviour was here and bestowed the blessings, which He, the Divine One, had to give, in no case did He give riches. He gave health, He gave strength, He restored sight, He made the dumb to speak, He pardoned sin, He led people from sin. The one thing that He did not do was to give of earthly riches, and in this conversation with the rich young man, He tells us why He did not make this gift.

And so, my brethren and sisters, and particularly the Mutual Improvement Association workers and members, I would like to leave with you this thought, this message, that you will seek after the treasures of the spirit, seek after the riches of goodness and mercy and righteous living. Go always after those things which are good. Follow along as you have been doing, seeking the finer cultural things of life. Discard the dross, cast it aside, trample it under foot; cherish always and guard that which is beautiful in your lives.

Remember ever that Jesus is the Christ. He is not the mere teacher. He is the Messiah, the Redeemer of the world. His teachings and His works and His miracles were all ancillary to that. They were a part of the mission which He had, but nevertheless, He came to this earth the Only Begotten, the Redeemer and Saviour of the world. Never overlook that. Never degrade Him to the place of a mere teacher; believe in Him, look to Him always, worship Him as the Redeemer of the world through whom alone salvation and exaltation may come.

Let all your activities, everything that you do in life, let them all lead unto this great fundamental fact, that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Only Begotten, and there shall come to you in this life joy and peace and happiness; there shall come to you more satisfaction in living and following this life than anything else you could do in this world; and in the life which is to follow after this there shall come eternal lives—the highest glory which can come to man.

May the Lord give unto each and all of us these blessings, I ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.—(Address delivered at the afternoon joint session of the M. I. A. and Primary Association conferences held June 10, 1934, in the Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.)

JUNE CONFERENCE SIDELIGHTS

TO face aggressively the changing social order with a vigorous campaign of cultural improvement and achievement, and to fulfill a pledge to preserve the priceless spiritual heritage that is theirs in Mormonism will be the objectives of the membership of the Mutual Improvement and Primary Associations during the coming 1934-35 season. This was the message of the annual June conference sessions of the three organizations held recently in Salt Lake City under the direction of the M. I. A. and Primary general boards. Sessions of the conference commenced on Friday, June 8th, and continued with meetings both general and departmental, contests, educational, and recreational activities until Sunday evening, June 10th. Speakers included members of the First Presidency, many of the Council of Twelve, and many of the organizations' leaders, as well as other leaders in educational,

cultural and recreational fields who came especially to address the conferences and to assist in presenting plans for departmental work during the coming year.

The conference was not a gathering devoted entirely to a discussion of leisure time occupations and developments, as apart from religious activities, but rather to the outlining of a well-rounded programme of rich living, in which spirituality is the tempering factor. Underlying and diffused through the whole cultural programme of the coming year as it was presented, was the stress placed upon the importance of a testimony of the Gospel in youth development, and on the evaluation of the spiritual with the material things of life. Considerable attention, too, was paid to analyzing the specific problems of youth, and to outlining ways of meeting them on youth's own ground. Representatives of M. I. A. and Primary came from all over America and many points in Canada and Old Mexico, to participate, and to draw from this great convention inspiration and instruction to carry on the work of youth development in a thousand different communities during the coming year.

THE M. I. A. programme for the ensuing season, as outlined by the M. I. A. leaders, will contain certain definite departures from the procedure of last year. Contest work, in the activity phase—with the exception of athletics—will be replaced by a Church-wide achievement programme in which M. I. A. members, according to merit, may pursue activity courses, rather than engage in contest work in which participation, of necessity and by nature, is limited to few contestants. Under the new plan, members who have fulfilled certain achievement standards at the conclusion of the year's work will receive, under the direction of experts and specialists at annual conventions, special instruction and training in the various lines of cultural endeavour.

To simplify the monthly schedule, and to make both activity and lesson work more effective, the new programme provides for two whole evenings each week to be devoted to activity work, and two whole evenings to the regular departmental work, with the fifth meeting of the month, when such there is, reserved for special programmes. This plan replaces the division of the evenings into two short periods as was done last year. Activities this year will include conversation, dancing, drama, music, public address, hobbies, reading, and social conduct.

The new M. I. A. slogan, introduced during the conference sessions, is of a genius apropos to this day of action, and fittingly augments the long list of rallying calls that have led Mormon Youth in their pursuit of wholesome development and righteous living in past years. The slogan, *By my actions I will prove my allegiance to the Church*, is a splendid epitome of M. I. A. purposes, objectives and ideals. The scope of its inspiration and application is unlimited.

A minor change announced by the general boards is the new name of the feminine half of the M. I. A. organization. In keeping with the modern usage of the terms, the organization will be known as the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association rather than the Young Ladies', and the abbreviation Y. W. M. I. A. will replace the familiar Y. L. M. I. A.

Primary ideals of character development and the ability to

know happiness through the proper use of leisure time were the objectives urged upon Primary officers and teachers in the Primary conference sessions. In addition to teaching the children to learn to live profitably with others will be included projects designed to provide the child with the interests and imagination to live joyously by himself. Outlined to those who have Primary in charge was a standard of nine qualifications one must strive for if he would teach youth. They are sincerity, exemplary living, clear vision, keen observation, studiousness, discrimination, foregoing personal pleasure for the benefit of others, cheerfulness, and prayer.

INTERESTING features of the conferences were many. Outstanding, perhaps, as is pointed out elsewhere in the *Star*, was the great M. I. A. music festival held Saturday evening in the tabernacle. An excellent programme was presented by an assembly of 3,000 trained voices, the pick of M. I. A. choruses, singing under the direction of Mr. Noble Cain. High spot of the concert was the solo work of Madame Marion Telva, former Metropolitan artist, who came to Salt Lake City as the festival soloist because of her interest in the Latter-day Saint Church and her friendship with President and Sister J. Reuben Clark.

Of interest also was the "hobby exhibit" in the Deseret Gymnasium, not far from the Temple block. There were displayed the fruits of constructive leisure effort of every type, and there, too, were given specialty addresses by members of the general boards, and their assistants in charge of the M. I. A. recreational work, on the value of hobbies.

The M Men-Gleaner Girl joint conference session, held Sunday evening in the historic Tabernacle, provided a thrilling climax to the M. I. A. conference. The spacious auditorium, colourfully decorated and draped with the flags of each nation in which M. I. A. is represented, was packed to overflowing. M Men and Gleaners in special dress filled the entire gallery circle. To this vast audience President Heber J. Grant delivered his stirring "Address to Youth." Admonishing against mere outward living of some of the Gospel laws to the neglect of the others, he said: "Faith is the gift of God. With all due respect to the wise men of the world, the message I have is faith in God, faith in the revelations of Joseph Smith and in the teachings of the Bible; I care not for all the wisdom of men. . . . Do not allow doubts to come into your hearts, nor let anyone persuade you that His Gospel will go the way of the earth. Every commandment has been given for our benefit. Never compromise with honesty, virtue or sobriety."

To this advice, and to the challenge of M. I. A. leaders George Albert Smith and Ruth May Fox to build finer mansions of life and to carry out the teachings of their Scripture, M Men and Gleaner Girls, representing the thousands of their fellow members throughout the world made these thrilling responses: "We will continue in His word," "We will build Latter-day Saint homes and communities," "We will carry the torch," and "By my actions I will prove my allegiance to the Church." The deeply inspiring strains of "Carry On," sung by ten thousand young people as if in one great voice, were a fitting benediction to this, the last meeting of an epochal conference of youth.

The spirit of M. I. A. found eloquent expressions in all of the

activities of June conference. The enthusiasm and appreciation with which the Mutual and Primary programmes for the coming year were received gives ample promise that they will find Church-wide support, and that the rich heritage of Mormonism, treasured above all else by them, will be preserved and augmented during the coming year by the finest body of youth in the world.—RICHARD S. BENNETT.

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PRIESTHOOD

First Night. Opening exercises. Local Priesthood activity report. During the months of July and August we are endeavouring to stress Priesthood work through activity. Last month's guide announced and outlined the plan of "branch teaching" on the alternate nights of the month, rather than the former practice of two twelve-minute talks. This same plan will be followed again this month. Branch presidents, we urge you to apply this plan in your branch, no matter how large or small it may be. Secure the cooperation of your Priesthood. Let us do something in real Priesthood activity.

Second Night. Opening exercises. Local Priesthood activity report. Discuss your "teaching" of last week. How many homes visited? How many subscription to the *Star* obtained? If we can sell the *Star* to those who for various reasons are unable to attend meetings, we perform a fine service. Assignments and a teacher's topic for next week could well be chosen at this meeting. Lesson: *Vitality of Mormonism*, Chapter Twenty, "The graves shall be opened."

Third Night. Opening exercises. On these "outside" nights, opening exercises should be brief and punctual. (A recent survey revealed the fact that only a minority of meetings held start on the appointed hour.) Branch presidents should see to it that arrangements are well made, so that after a short hymn and prayer, the group can be out and away. If all the members of the Church and their friends have been visited, and it is a very small branch, we suggest that the Priesthood engage in real missionary experience on these nights. However, the thing we are stressing, let it be remembered, is *Branch Teaching*. Here is a test to apply to your summer's activity: "Is the attendance at your Sacrament Meeting increasing or decreasing?"

Fourth Night. Opening exercises. Branch presidents, we suggest that tonight you prepare a brief report of the summer's activity in Priesthood work, based on the "outside" activity on the alternate nights of the month, and deliver it to the body of your branch Priesthood. It will stimulate their and your interest. Include such items as literature distributed, homes of members visited, lost members found, new friends contacted, *Star* subscriptions obtained, respective attendances at Sacrament and auxiliary meetings, copies of the Book of Mormon loaned, sold, or placed in libraries, newspapers contacted. Lesson: *Vitality of Mormonism*, Chapter Twenty-one, "Thy Kingdom Come."—G. HOMER DURHAM.

GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

Second Week. Lesson 15 in the Genealogical Lesson Pamphlet, "Pilgrims, Puritans and Cavaliers." In 1620 the Pilgrim Fathers weighed anchor from Plymouth, for the new land of America. They set

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EDITORIAL

JUNE CONFERENCES

IN Church circles the month of June is notable for a number of significant dates and events associated with it. Those we now have in mind are the general conferences in Salt Lake City of the Mutual Improvement and Primary Associations. These events, taking place the second week in the month, have been rapidly growing in size and importance during recent years. The largest and perhaps the best conferences these organizations have ever held took place this year from the 8th to the 10th, inclusive. There were two outstanding features—the giant M. I. A. chorus performance Saturday evening, and the addresses of the First Presidency at the combined session of the two organizations Sunday afternoon. Both of these events took place in the great Tabernacle, which was filled to overflowing on both occasions.

This was the second programme of the great chorus, the first having been rendered two years ago. Both renditions were under the very able direction of a gifted master, Noble Cain. The chorus consisted of three thousand voices, selected from twenty-five thousand competitors, living in different parts of America. The Saturday evening rendition was among the notable musical events of the year in America. It gave proof of the high state of musical development in the Church, and of the great interest in the musical activities of the M. I. A. The delightful programme was radio broadcasted and was listened to by millions of delighted people.

The addresses of the First Presidency Sunday afternoon stressed the value of personal testimony and of its need as a stabilizer in the Church. It was clearly pointed out how any faithful member can get and keep a testimony of the divinity of this work—knowledge of supreme worth to any one interested in his greatest good. Compliments were also given to the M. I. A. for the effectiveness of their programmes in promoting the self-development of their members in the realms of culture. (Read President Clark's address in this issue.)

As a rule, the chief value of a religious service is the touch of the spirit that characterizes it—the spiritual uplift felt by those who attend it. We may *read* of the great conferences in Salt Lake City. Only those who were there *felt* them. And because they did feel them those who attended will return to their homes thankful for their experiences and more determined than ever "to carry on." Thus the work of the organizations will be more

vigorously pushed and greater enthusiasm displayed in its accomplishment. And results of these conferences will be felt the world round. Missionaries will come carrying their spirit, which will also inspire the writings published in the Church magazines and manuals.

It is our privilege to attend two M. I. A. conferences, both mission-wide, one in Denmark, May 19th to 21st, and the other in Holland, June 10th to 11th. These conferences were conducted along the same lines as those in Salt Lake City. That they will stimulate the M. I. A. work in these missions is certain.

Now one objective of every mission is to get the auxiliary organizations running smoothly and functioning effectively. These associations have been organized in the Church for the good of the members—all the members, children as well as adults. Hence the auxiliaries are needed in Europe as well as in America. And their possibilities for doing good are even greater in the missions than in most of the stakes because they have greater proselyting opportunities. All members of the Church in the European missions are, therefore, urged to support these organizations in every feasible way.

Can one imagine what would be the religious status of the young people of the Church if there were no auxiliaries—no Sunday Schools, mutuals, primaries? No one cares to contemplate the picture. But let us reflect that in many branches these organizations either do not exist or they have to struggle for an existence, sometimes few, if any, children being found in them. What opportunities there are for service in bringing the auxiliaries into a flourishing condition! What joy awaits those who will do this! Flash abroad the sign, “Workers Wanted.”—M.

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out to build their homes where they could worship the Lord according to the desires of their hearts. There were 102 persons, including 10 servants, one professional soldier, a cooper by the name of John Alden, sent to fabricate barrels which the *Mayflower* was required by the law of England to return in the place of those she carried, and 4 little London orphans; the rest were of the yeomen class or were workmen. Many other people were drawn to America during the persecution of the Puritans at the time of Charles I. The emigration of these people from England reminds us of the exodus of the children of Israel. Just as truly as Moses led the Israelites out of bondage, the Pilgrims were led by the spirit of God to a modern “Promised Land”—the land of Joseph, the gathering place of the tribe of Ephraim. The Prophet Lehi predicted that the Lord would lead people from other countries to the land given to Ephraim for an inheritance.

For the activity this night: (a) Continue work on the Baptism and Endowment sheets. Copy the information you have on the One Family Group Record sheets onto the Baptism and Endowment sheets ready for the Temple. Send them to the Mission Office. (b) Many of your relatives have felt the spirit of gathering and have gone to America. Relate experiences they have told you.

Fourth Week. Lesson 16 in the Genealogical Lesson Pamphlet, "Scotch-Irish Frontiersmen." The Irish people are a branch of the Israelitish tree. Originally from Asia, they went first to Spain and then to Ireland; later a colony went into Scotland where they intermarried with the Picts and Britons; still later, religious persecution drove large numbers of them back to Ireland and from there to America after a hard winter destroyed the potato crop. It was sturdy stock that settled in the back hills of the Atlantic seaboard on the North American continent. The people had been tested and hardened in their migrations from place to place. Leaders in the early history of the American colonies came from this stock. The leaders could be proud of their solid ancestry, though they came from humble stations in life. The ancestry of those who accept the principles of the Church is more noble than that of those leaders.

Activity: (a) When you have put the names of one or two new ancestors on a Pedigree Chart, you will have the key to further search since you will know the place from which they have come. Try to secure more names and enter the information on the Pedigree Chart and One Family Group Record sheets, and from there to a Baptism and Endowment sheet for the Temple. (b) Study the form for sealing wives to husbands. This sheet is another that is sent to the Temple. It is made out from information on the Pedigree Chart, One Family Group Record sheet, and the Baptism and Endowment sheet that has been returned from the Temple.—CONWAY A. ASHTON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR AUGUST

"FOR God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3: 16.)

GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT

Concert Recitation (See cover of Lesson pamphlet, Doctrine and Covenants 76: 22, 23, and 24): "And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony last of all, which we give of him: That he lives! For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God."

August 5th. Lesson 26, "Literal Descendants of Aaron. Duties of Parents." Text: Doctrine and Covenants, Section 68. Objective: To show that the Aaronic Priesthood was conferred upon Aaron and his posterity after him, and that the keys of authority of the same descend from father to son by legal right. Also to show that parents in Zion and her stakes are under divine command to teach and rear their children in righteousness. Suggested questions:

1. When was the Aaronic Priesthood first conferred and upon whom?
2. Why does the presidency of the Aaronic Priesthood descend from father to son by legal right? (Doctrine and Covenants 68: 16-18, 21.)
3. What is the duty of parents in Zion and her stakes who have children?
4. All scripture given by inspiration of God is profitable for doctrine. What then is the duty of all Latter-day Saints in relation to the study of the Scriptures?
5. Is the word of the Lord delivered to His servants today by the power of the Holy Ghost entitled to be classed as Scripture as much as the teachings of Peter or Paul?

August 12th. Lesson 27, "The Vision" (Part I). Objective: To show the greatness of the love, mercy, and grace of our Eternal Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, in the plan of salvation by which all mankind are redeemed from death, and from Satan's rule, except sons of perdition. Suggested questions:

1. What is there in Section 76 to indicate that it came from God?
2. How does it compare with the great revelations found in the Bible?
3. What great truths does it reveal concerning the future destiny of mankind?
4. Why was Lucifer's amendment to the proposed plan of salvation unacceptable?
5. What is meant by the "the second death"?

August 19th. Lesson 28, "The Vision" (Part II). Text: Doctrine and Covenants 76. Objective: To show the mercy and love of the Father for His children in preparing for them salvation according to their works in the three great kingdoms, celestial, terrestrial, and telestial, by which all the workmanship of His hands are saved except the sons of perdition. Suggested questions:

1. What does it mean to receive the testimony of Jesus?
2. Upon whom is the Holy Spirit of Promise sealed?
3. Who are the members of the Church of the Firstborn?
4. What blessings are promised to those who receive the fulness in the celestial kingdom?
5. Will all who enter the celestial kingdom receive the fulness of the blessings?
6. Will many or few receive exaltation in the celestial kingdom?

August 26th. Lesson 29, "The Building of Zion—Revelation on Priesthood." Text: Doctrine and Covenants 84. Objective: To show why the Lord took away Moses and the Melchizedek Priesthood from Israel and left the Aaronic Priesthood and the preparatory Gospel. Also to show that the Lord gives to every man born into this world the guidance of the Spirit of Christ or light of truth to lead him to the fulness of the Gospel, if he will heed it. Suggested questions:

1. Will Zion, the city New Jerusalem, yet be built; if so, where?
2. Who will have part in its building?
3. Can mankind obtain knowledge of God and His kingdom without the power of the Melchizedek Priesthood?
4. Why was the Melchizedek Priesthood taken from Israel in the days of Moses?
5. What obligation does a man take upon himself when he receives an ordination to office in the Melchizedek Priesthood? Give a reason why this should be so.
6. Distinguish between the Spirit of Jesus Christ (Light of Truth) and the Holy Ghost. What is the mission of each?

CHURCH HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Concert Recitation (See cover of Lesson pamphlet, Doctrine and Covenants 89: 18, 19): "And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments. . . . shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures."

August 5th. Lesson 27, "Joseph Tarred." Objective: To show that even though the leaders of the Church passed through fiery trials, they stood firm and steadfast in the Church.

August 12th. Lesson 28, "Word of Wisdom." Objective: To teach that the Word of Wisdom is God's counsel for the care of the body.

August 19th. Lesson 29th, "The Saints Driven from Jackson County." Objective: To show that the people of Jackson County were determined that the saints should not possess that land and build the New Jerusalem and the Holy Temple.

August 26th. Lesson 30, "Zion's Camp Called to Aid." Objective: To teach that God's commands are vital and never erring.

Concert Recitation (See cover of Lesson pamphlet, *Latter-day Saint Hymns*, number 12, first verse):

"While of these emblems we partake, In Jesus name and for His sake,
Let us remember and be sure, Our hearts and hands are clean and pure."

August 5th. Review Sunday. Any lesson which may have been missed or which needs additional explanation should be studied this day. Get the children to tell the teacher in their own way the important points of the lessons.

August 12th. Lesson 103, "Jesus and the Ten Lepers." Text: Luke 17: 11-19 and Lesson Quarterly. Objective: To show that love and devotion for those worthy of it, should be shown by words of praise and deeds of love. Memory Gem:

"When another person helps you, though the deed be great or small,
Return a grateful 'thank you,' ere the night begins to fall."

August 19th. Lesson 104, "Jesus Rides as a King." Texts: Matthew 21: 1-11; Luke 19: 29-44; John 12: 12-19; Lesson Quarterly. Objective: Same as last week. Memory Gem:

"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest."

August 26th. Lesson 105, "The Last Supper." Texts: Matthew 26: 17-20, 26-30; Mark 14: 12-17, 22-26; Luke 22: 7-20, 24-27; John 12: 4-17; Quarterly Lesson. Objective: To show that by partaking of the Sacrament worthily, one expresses a desire to remember Christ, and a willingness to keep His commandments. Memory Gem:

"While of these emblems we partake, in Jesus name and for His sake,
Let us remember and be sure our hearts and hands are clean and pure."

Primary songs: "Saying Grace," *Childland in Song and Rhythm*; "Children's Praise," *Deseret Sunday School Songs*; "Hear us Pray," *Deseret Sunday School Songs*, and "The Sacrament," *Kindergarten and Primary Songs*.—*The Instructor*.

It is suggested that the following subjects be developed in the two-and-one-half minute talks for the month of August: Obedience to the commandments of God will bring us a blessing; Why I should always be kind to my friends; Following in the way of Jesus; and, Faith in our parents.

For singing practice during the month of August the following songs are suggested: "Israel Awake From Thy Long Silent Slumber," and "Lift Up Your Praise in Parting Song," pages 109 and 279 *Latter-day Saint Hymns*. Last month we learned the song on page 19. Shall we sing it again this month so that we will not forget it?

Sunday School Superintendents! *The Instructor* is the organ of the Sunday Schools throughout the world. It is filled with suggestions and helps in teaching; each lesson is enriched by the supplementary notes contained in it. Is *The Instructor* available to the officers and teachers of your school? It tells HOW the problems met in Sunday School may be solved. Are you taking advantage of the wisdom of the Church leaders in Sunday School work?

Member of superintendency in charge of enlistment work! Does the Sunday School Report in the hands of your secretary show the number of Church members who are not enrolled in the Primary, Church History, and Gospel Doctrine classes? If not, secure the names and addresses of those who should be on the rolls from the branch clerk. Your teachers should work with you on the enlistment committee. We can double the enrollment of the Sunday School by planned visits.—BRITISH MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

"By My Actions I Will Prove My Allegiance to the Church." This is the new M. I. A. Slogan for 1934-35. It was announced at the recent M. I. A. Conference, an annual affair, held each June under the direction of the Y. M. and Y. W. M. I. A. General Boards. The new slogan should be repeated at each meeting. Everyone should stand.

Hereafter, the auxiliary organization known as the Y. L. M. I. A. will be referred to as the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, or the Y. W. M. I. A. This was recently made official throughout the Church; and the new name is more in accord with modern usage.

SUNDAY EVENING JOINT PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST

Opening Hymn: "Come Listen to a Prophet's Voice."

Prayer: Member of the Young Men's Presidency.

Song: "The Gospel Standard High is Raised" (332).

Slogan Talk: "By My Actions I Will Prove My Allegiance to the Church."

Talk: "How My Department Fits in With the Spirit of the Gospel" (by an M Man, Gleaner, or Bee-Hive Girl).

Male Quartette: "See the Mighty Angel Flying."

Solo: "Oh Britain, Dear Britain" (Tune: "O Ye Mountains High").

Address: "The Gospel door opened to Britain: A Cause and its Effects."

Closing Hymn: "The Time is Far Spent."

Benediction: Member of the Y. W. M. I. A. Presidency.

M. I. A. BULLETIN

All of you should have received copies of a very important M. I. A. Bulletin by this time. In it you will find the Mission objectives for Mutual work as it stands; also, the guide to the Summer Programme. During August we hope to hear of many branch outings, and some successful "Flannel Dances" as well. You can be looking ahead to the 1934-35 "Opening Social," and a "Year-round Programme" for activity that will be the greatest ever. Circulars will be issued shortly. Read your circulars privately, and then always go over them in Officers' and Teachers' meeting. If the Bulletin mentioned has not had a thorough "going over" in your Officers' meeting, will you please do so to your advantage. All material issued from the Mission office and the Mutual Boards should be neatly kept in serviceable folders—and used.

M MEN GUIDE

M Men! Elders! and Y. M. M. I. A. Officers! Now ready for your careful consideration, is a brief M Men Guide, which outlines the future "M Men Organization of the British Mission." We should like to see the M Men units of Britain welded into a nation-wide body that would bid fair to out-do any other group of M Men in the world. Write to the Mission Office for the information that is preliminary to excellence in M Men organization, or ask your district officers.—BRITISH MISSION Y. M. M. I. A. and Y. W. M. I. A. BOARDS.—G. HOMER DURHAM.

PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

AUGUST is the last month of the summer quarter in the Primary work. Make plans for this month which will be so interesting to the children that they will not want to miss the Primary meetings. If the weather permits hold all of the meetings in the open air. On the last meeting day of the month plan a ramble where all take their "tea" along; or if more desirable, go to a park or green in your vicinity, play games, then have "tea" together.

The Bible Lesson and Ethical Story can be made much more interesting to the children if they are permitted to dramatize them. The method of procedure which is followed in leading children to work out their own dramatizations varies slightly with circumstances, but in the main, is as follows: A story is retold to the children in such a way that the action or events are emphasized, an effort being made to develop simple and mental pictures in their minds. The children are then asked to divide the story into its most important pictures, or scenes, then suggest in detail what should take place in the first scene, and some of them are asked to act it out as they think it should be done.

As this first presentation is sometimes stiff and more or less self-conscious, the leader raises such questions as, Which parts did these children do best? Why? Where can they improve it? What would you do to make the part better? What do you think should have been said here? This leads to constructive criticism of the scene by the children themselves rather than by the leader in charge. Each child is eager to offer suggestions at this point, and is anxious for an opportunity to give his own interpretation of the part by acting it out. As he acts, he formulates his words, forgetting himself in the genuine interest which arises as he re-lives the experience of someone else. Each scene is developed in a similar manner.

After the story has been played through a few times, each child should be able to assume any character. It is an essential part of this method to see that every child has a different part each time it is acted out.

When stories are dramatized, they are imprinted on the minds of the children so that they will not forget them, and it keeps the children actively doing something. Let us, as leaders, keep them actively doing something at all times.

Are the children all busy making something for the "HOME COMING DAY"?—NETTIE L. WOODBURY.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Arrivals and Assignments—The following elders arrived in London on June 27th, and were assigned to labour as designated:

Wendell J. Ashton, of Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Liverpool district.

Delbert N. Groom, of Rigby, Idaho, to the Welsh district.

Frank Edson Ellis, of Ogden, Utah, to the Sheffield district.

Transfers—On June 26th, Elder Ralph E. Baddley was transferred from the Portsmouth to the Scottish district; Elder Richard G. Harston, from the Liverpool to the Portsmouth district.

Releases—The following elders were honourably released from active missionary service on July 4th:

Elder John D. Riggs, who laboured as a travelling elder in the Scottish, Liverpool and Norwich districts, and concluded his mission term as British Mission Sunday School

secretary, and Genealogical supervisor.

Elder Hugh D. Higgins, who laboured in the Welsh district as a travelling elder, and concluded his mission service as the secretary and treasurer of the British Mission.

Elder Robert Henry Booth of the Newcastle and Welsh districts.

Doings in the Districts: Newcastle—Branch conference was held in the Middlesborough branch on June 17th. "Continued revelation" was the theme, and district authorities were the speakers.

"Genealogy" was the subject of address at the Shildon branch conference on June 10th. District authorities were in attendance.

On the sixth of June, in both the Shildon and Gateshead branches, special programmes were held in observance of Branch Honour Day. At the services, directed by M. I. A. officers, the fruits of the past season

were demonstrated. Y. W. M. I. A. members provided and served the refreshments.

Liverpool—Preston branch Sunday School, under the direction of J. W. Brown, superintendent, entertained branch members at a social on June 16th. A varied and interesting programme was furnished during the first half of the evening, and the remainder of the time was devoted to community singing and playing games. Refreshments were served at intermission time.

Blackpool was the scene of the June outing of the Blackburn branch, held on the 16th of last month. Swimming, games, and general sightseeing among the wonders of the great resort provided entertainment for the 33 members and friends who participated in the affair.

Burnley Primary workers have found moving pictures a very effective way to interest Primary children in their organization of late. On June 19th, under the direction of Elders Roscoe G. Ward and E. J. Milne, such an entertainment was presented to the children and friends of the Burnley branch, with very favourable results.

Members and friends of the Burnley branch were guests at a fruit banquet on May 29th. The affair, under the direction of Willie Duckworth, was one of several of late that have been very helpful in promoting friendship and co-operation in the branch.

Weary bones and stiff muscles were the grim reminders of a jolly ramble to Wood Plumtyn, enjoyed by members of the Burnley branch on June 2nd. Sister Emma Hardy, superintendent of the Sunday School was in charge of the outing.

The purpose, objectives and ideals of M. I. A. were explained to an interested audience at the Burnley branch M. I. A. conference on June 3rd. Willie Duckworth, Y.M.M.I.A. president, conducted the meeting.

Accrington branch now boasts a genealogy class among its auxiliaries. Herbert Taylor is the chairman of the new organization, which

was recently formed under the direction of Luther Espley, divisional genealogy supervisor.

Norwich—Each summer the Relief Society sisters of the Lowestoft branch hold their annual outing. This year it was June the 14th. Motoring through picturesque Suffolk in a bus, they stopped at Brome, where tea was served in an open meadow. Then they continued on to Yarmouth, where the rest of the day was spent on the pleasure beach exploring in the mazes, driving electric motor boats and thrilling at the breath-taking ride of the roller-coaster. The day's activities were planned and directed by President Ivy E. F. Upson and her counselors.

Nottingham—A programme arranged by Brothers A. Hewerdine and Jack Limb was the feature of a social held at the Mansfield branch hall on June 16th. Included were vocal selections and reading by local members, and a one-act skit, "What Are We Coming To?" Refreshments were served following the programme, and dancing concluded the evening's activities.

A branch social, planned as a farewell to Elder Kenneth F. Cropper, was held in the Nottingham branch hall on June 9th. Saints from Mansfield, Eastwood, and Nottingham came to enjoy the programme and games of the evening.

"The organization of the Sunday School" was the theme of the Nottingham branch Sunday School conference on June 17th. Under the direction of Superintendent Samuel Hawson, different members of the organization explained its functions and purposes.

Bristol—One of the organizations to be favoured with a visit from Sister Louise Y. Robison, general president of the Church-wide Relief Societies, during her recent stay in England, was Bristol branch. On Wednesday, June 20th, at a meeting conducted by President Herbert S. Millard, Sister Robison addressed the Relief Society members of the district, telling of the position of woman in the Church, and of the part she should play in proselyting work. She admonished the

sisters to live their religion and to strive to gain the blessings of service that Relief work entailed. Sister Lucy M. Battle, Bristol Relief Society president, also addressed the gathering, giving a short report of the accomplishments of the organization in Bristol.

Sheffield—Visitors in Sheffield on June 24th, where they addressed a special gathering of saints, were President and Sister James H. Douglas, and Sister Louise Y. Robison, head of the Latter-day Saint Relief Societies. Purpose of the special meeting was to give Sheffield saints an opportunity of hearing Sister Robison, and of discussing Relief problems with her. President and Sister Douglas also addressed the gathering.

During the meeting, George H. Bailey, for the past eleven years president of the Sheffield branch, was set apart under the hand of President Douglas, as president of the Sheffield district.

A Sports Club is the M. I. A. project of the Pontefract branch for the coming months. The organization was recently effected with George Hill as president,

Herbert Buckley 1st counselor, Gladys Hill 2nd counselor, and Sister Margaret Watson, secretary. Its members intend to play tennis, swim, and hike, together, and look forward with pleasure to interesting times together under the banner of M. I. A.

Scottish—Sunday School officers selected a bonnie park on the outskirts of Edinburgh for a ramble on June 16th. Ideal weather, an abundance of picnic refreshments, and fine fellowship made the day very pleasant for the 40 members and friends who joined in the fun.

Welsh—Pont Sarn was the scene of a Merthyr branch ramble and social on June 13th. The affair was under the direction of Elder Robert H. Booth.

A beautiful country spot about a mile from Pontllanfraith was the scene of a Pontllanfraith branch outing on June 16th. Led by President Frank R. Bennett and the district elders, branch members and friends spent the afternoon playing base-ball and cricket. Tasty refreshments were served by the sisters of the branch.

DEATHS

BAILEY—Sister Emily Bailey, of the Handsworth branch, for more than a quarter of a century a member of the Church, passed away on May 30th. After funeral services held on June 5th, the grave was dedicated by Elder Mylan L. Healy. Memorial services for Sister Bailey were held in the Handsworth chapel under the direction of Presi-

dent Elliott H. Merrell on June 17th.

SIMPSON—Brother Robert Simpson, Sr., aged 71, of the Burnley branch died June 18th. Special services in his memory were held on June 24th, in the Burnley branch rooms, under the direction of President Fred Bradbury.

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